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RE: BRINGING NOVICE CLASS TESTING SYSTEM INTO THE CURRENT V.E. PROGRAM. / INTRODUCING GENERAL CLASS V.E.S TO CURRENT V.E. SYSTEM.

F.C.C.

DEAR COMMISSIONERS:

AS A CONTINUOUSLY ACTIVE AMATEUR OF 26 YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE ARRL, AN OFFICIAL OBSERVER, AND CERTIFIED V.E. UNDER BOTH W5YI AND ARRL VECS; I DO FAVOR PLACING THE NOVICE TESTING PROGRAM INTO THE CURRENT V.E.C. SYSTEM.

HOWEVER; I AM FIRMLY AND COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO ALLOWING GENERAL CLASS AMATEURS TO HAVE ANY PART IN THE EXAMINATION PROCESS. THIS IS DUE TO THE ABSOLUTE LACK OF EDUCATION CONCERNING THE V.E. PROCESS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL CLASS WRITTEN ELEMENT, AS WELL AS THE ADVANCED CLASS WRITTEN ELEMENT.

I FEEL ALL POTENTIAL V.E. S SHOULD AT THE VERY LEAST HAVE PASSED THE EXTRA CLASS ELEMENT 4B, WHERE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED PERTAINING TO V.E. TEST ADMINISTRATION.; OR HAVING PASSED AN EXAM AS THAT GIVEN BY THE ARRL. IT IS AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM WHICH I HAVE BENEFITED BY GREATLY IN CARRYING OUT CORRECTLY ALL THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF ME IN THE TESTING PROCEDURE.

GENERAL CLASS HAMS ARE SIMPLY NOT QUALIFIED UNDER ANY CURRENT MEASURING SYSTEM TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN SUCH A LARGE GROUP OF ADVANCED AND EXTRA V.E..S DOES CURRENTLY EXIST ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND ALSO THE WORLD.

GENERAL CLASS HAMS WOULD, I FEEL, INUNDATE THE CURRENT SUCCESSFUL V.E. SYSTEM WITH PEOPLE WHO LACK THE WILL AND DETERMINATION TO ATTAIN ANYTHING HIGHER THAN A VERY MINIMAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE AMATEUR SERVICE.

I FEEL, THEIR ACTIVITY IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM WOULD RESULT IN BEING MORE OF A SELF SERVING MOTIVE, RATHER THAN THAT OF SERVING THE AMATEUR SERVICE.

I DONT FEEL THAT THESE PEOPLES EGOS SHOULD BE STROKED, AT THE EXPENSE OF JEPORDIZING THE PRESENT HARD WORKING ADVANCED AND EXTRA CLASS V.E..S WHO HAVE THUS FAR MADE THE V.E.C. SYSTEM THE SUCCESS IT IS TODAY.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

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